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ICE CLIMBING

Provo Canyon offers intriguing sports alternative

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PROVO CANYON — A mortician, a marketing director and a nurse. They met at Bridal Veil Falls one recent weekend morning to climb a waterfall.

People have skated on ice, cut holes and fished through ice and even sailed on ice. Now, they're digging in and climbing the stuff.

"You can climb something that didn't really exist there before," says guide Dennis Turville.

Provo Canyon has a national reputation among ice climbers, providing waterfall formations that challenge the experts. Turville, 35, is a Salt Lake native who describes himself as a self-

taught mountaineer and has climbed almost every kind of surface imaginable. Ice climbing involves many of the same rope principles as rock climbing, but requires specialized techniques just the same.

"Once people are convinced the system is sound, it becomes a really strong force and allows you to go beyond to do something 'unthinkable,' because the rope can catch you," says Turville. "It just becomes a fun experience rather than something life threatening. I don't approach any part of climbing in a cavalier fashion — it's fun, but it's safe at the same time."

Turville teaches the French technique that emphasizes proper balancing while being suspended by the ropes, and the use of sharp tools to gain a foothold in the ice.

Cheryl Coultas, a marketing director for Deseret Book, was a little uncertain when she started. "I guess what I didn't trust was myself, whether I could do it," she said. "You find out there're a lot of techniques that give you strength to do it. Anybody can do it, if they just get over the fear."

Coultas took up ice climbing as part of her plan to be qualified to climb major peaks. "There is something thrilling about starting at the bottom and climbing to the top," she says.

Cathy Stoy, an intensive-care nurse at Holy Cross Hospital, had to overcome initial fears, too. "I had the strength, but I was still scared to death," she noted. "You're really high up there, and I didn't like looking down. When it's all over,

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I think, is the best part. You say, 'I did that.'"

Turville has a way of gaining his students' confidence. His teaching style combines encouragement with just the right amount of pushing to help the climbers do what they're capable of — even if they tend to limit themselves.

An outdoors writer and photographer, he started teaching climbing as a teen-ager and later started an advanced program in backcountry skiing and climbing at the University of Utah. He decided to start his guiding service, Guideworks, as a way to take students into specialized areas.

Turville advises interested climbers to employ guides — not only to advertise his own business, but to provide access to lesser-known opportunities, to learn techniques faster and, simply, to be more safe. Even he wishes he'd had someone teach him all these things 10 years ago, since he could have learned faster.

"(Climbing) really is safe if people learn it from reputable sources," he says. "Most people have an adventurous streak in them, but climbers aren't crazy people. They aren't self-destructive."

On this morning, Turville managed to keep his three students interested, without going too fast for any of them. Carl Berg, a Provo mortician, is a good athlete and is ready for anything Turville has him try.

"A guide has to relate to the indi-

vidual needs of the student," Turville noted. "Different challenges . . . that's the real art in guiding, keeping all your clients amused and challenged."

Step 1 for a would-be ice climber is knowledge of rope techniques, usually taught in a rock-climbing class. From there, it's learning to use the tools to create a foothold in the ice — and plenty of warm clothes.

The end result is taking on a unique outdoor challenge. "A vertical sheet of ice . . . that sounds impossible," Coultas notes. "It is impossible, without the tools."

But with the right tools, techniques and teaching, ice becomes as surmountable as any other natural formation. Turville and friends are proving that, and having fun in the process.

Debbie Armstrong, 24, of Seattle was third in 1:37.09.
Fletcher said she "questioned whether I

Martini's status is questionable

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Reserve quarterback Ralph Martini has left BYU indefinitely and returned to California because of "personal problems."

"Ralph is out of school this semester," said coach LaVell Edwards. "He may come back, he may not. We're not really certain."

Martini's father, Ralph Sr., told the Deseret News this week, "We've got some personal problems to work out, and we'd just like to leave it at that. We plan to have him back in school mid-semester."

According to one source in the athletic department, BYU must decide whether Martini will return to the school.

Martini is one of two reserve quarterbacks to have left the Cougars in recent weeks. Bob Jensen, who started several games last season and would have been second on the

vine" that that wasn't the case.
"I definitely feel I could have been treated a lot fairer," he said. "I got a raw deal."



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Andreas Rickenbach, left, Michael Brown and Jeremy Nobis were the top finishers at the Alpine Championship

Eagle on 18th hole vaults Jones into 2nd-round tie

Lopez has two-shot lead in Mazda Classic

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Steve Jones capped an 8-under-par 64 with an eagle on the 18th hole to tie Mark Calcavecchia for the second-round lead Friday in the \$700,000 Pebble Beach National Pro-Am at Pebble Beach, Calif.

Golf roundup

Jones, 29, a non-winner in three full seasons on the PGA Tour, reached the halfway point at 8-under-par 136 after the tourney's best round.

Jones earned his share of the lead with an eagle-2 on the final hole. His 131-yard 7-iron hit about 25 feet beyond the flag and backed up into the cup, giving him a tie for the lead with Calcavecchia.

"I'd like to thank the Lord for my round today," said Jones, a member of the PGA Tour's weekly Bible-study group "and for

higher than third in three seasons on PGA Tour, managed a 68 at Spyglass was at 137.

Craig Stadler followed at 138 after a 7 Pebble Beach.

"I'm playing better every day. My confidence is 'way up there," said Stadler, a winner since 1984.

Sandy Lyle of Scotland, a winner week in Phoenix, had a 65 at Cypress F and moved into contention at 139. He tied with his Ryder Cup teammate, Bernhard Langer of West Germany, at 67.

The Millers won again in their fight with the Nicklauses. Defending champion Johnny had a 71 at Spyglass and combined with his amateur partner, 17-year-old Johnny Jr., for a best-ball 62. Johnny won 142 for two rounds and the team was at

Jack Nicklaus and his 24-year-old



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